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Why Fight Shy Of Kisan Conference?

M. L. A.s Resent Check On Railway Travellers To Bezwada: Debate On Adjournment Motion

NEW DELHI, February 28.

The Assembly by 43 votes to 42 rejected Mr. Govind Deshmukh's adjournment motion to discuss the Madras Government's order preventing travelling on the M. & S. M. Railway to Bezwada to attend the All-India Kisan Conference.

In the Assembly to-day, the President admitted Mr. Govind Deshmukh's adjournment motion to discuss the order preventing travelling of persons to stations on the M. and S. M. Railway to attend the Eighth Annual Session of the All-India Kisan Conference at Bezwada convened to consider problems facing the agriculturists and the food situation in the country.

In the course of that brief debate that preceded the admission, the Home Member Sir Reginald Maxwell pointed out that no such order had been passed by the Central Government; nor were they aware that such an order had been issued by the Madras Government within whose competence it was.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MUST HAVE DONE IT

Mr. Deshmukh said that the Central Government must have instructed the Provincial Government or the Railway Department to take such action.

The Home Member said that the Madras Government could under Rule 85 of the Defence of India Rules issue orders to prevent travelling by any specified class of persons by railway.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta: Are not railways a central subject?

Mr. N. M. Joshi pointed out that this was a restriction on travelling by railway and the Government of India were certainly responsible for this. He had received information that the conference proposed to be held in Bezwada on March 4 and 5 was allowed to be held on the ground that there was no accommodation on the railways.

Sardar Sant Singh said this was not the only instance of its kind. In an earlier instance, the Punjab Government served a notice on the North-Western Railway not to carry certain passengers on the railway.

The Chair held that as Railways were a Central subject the motion was in order but as objection had been taken he asked the supporters of the motion to stand. As not less than 25 stood, the Chair directed that the motion would be taken up in the afternoon or after the other business was concluded.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Moving his adjournment motion, Mr. Govind Deshmukh said this was another instance of the misuse of the D.I.R. The Conference was being convened to consider the food problem and to further the Grow-More-Food-Campaign. Therefore the Conference was actually furthering war effort. He referred to the difficulties in enforcing such an order and said, apart from the merits of the Conference itself, the order curtailed the civil liberty of citizens to proceed to Bezwada if they wanted to.

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, pointed out that so far as his Department was concerned, when such an order was passed by the Provincial Government under the D.I.R., the Railway Administration had no option but to enforce it.

Mr. N. M. Joshi supporting the motion asserted that the real object in using the D.I.R. for similar purposes was to put down labour and Kisan movement in the country. He pointed out that the very first use made of Defence Rules was against the oil workers in Assam. The All-India Kisan Sabha had always declared itself in favour of war effort and the Government by such an order were really defeating their own object.

The Home Member Sir Reginald Maxwell dealing first with the legal argument maintained that provincial as well as Central Governments were given the power to require that certain persons shall not be carried on railways. Provincial Governments were given that power for the reasons that a situation might arise in which they might have information to show that a large number of people proposed to use the railways in order to travel to a place to form an unlawful assembly or to a place which was an infected area. That was his answer to the question how a Provincial Government could pass an order in a matter affecting a central subject.

Assuming that an order of the kind mentioned in the debate had actually been passed, it did not really relate to a central subject, because it did not seek to prevent the generality of the public but only certain individuals from travelling to a particular place for a particular purpose.

As for the contention that the object of the Kisan Conference was a proper one and to interfere with the holding of it was to misuse of powers the Home Member said in the first place he would not admit that the order in question if passed would interfere with the proposed conference. He himself did not know whether that conference would be allowed by the Madras Government.

GOVT. LIVES IN 17TH CENTURY

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Deputy Leader, Muslim League Party commented that the debate had shown that the Government was not functioning as a Government but as so many Departments, each of which did not know what the other was doing. The House was justified in censuring Government, if for no other reason, at least because Government showed complete incompetence in dealing with matters of this kind. Either Government did not take the House seriously or they thought that any sort of statement would do or they were incapable of dealing with this Legislature. The Home Member had stated that he had no information; but if so they should have requested the President to take up the motion tomorrow or the day after and in the meanwhile obtained information. Government seemed to be still living in the 17th century when people did not know about telephones.

The Assembly adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

Last Moments With Kasturba

Devadas Gandhi On Moving Scenes Near Death-Bed

Shocked And Amazed At Girja Shankar Bajpai's Statement Of Govt. Offer Of Release

She never completely lost consciousness till the last moment. When the Government "communique" on Sunday pronounced her condition to be grave, she was still hoping against hope to survive the latest phase of her illness," says Mr. Devadas Gandhi in a statement.

"When I reached on Monday evening," he says "she was in distress. It was against medical expectation that she survived the night. In a semi-conscious state she would answer questions in monosyllables or by gently shaking her head. Once when Gandhiji came near her she raised her hand and asked "who is it?" and then seemed greatly comforted when he attended to her for nearly an hour. Beside her he looked several years younger, although his hands shook."

"On Monday she had clung to a lingering hope. On Tuesday she seemed to be resigned. Her mind was at peace and clearer. . . At about 3 p.m. she sent for me and told me that she was going." "I must go some day, why not today", she pleaded.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi in a reference to Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai's statement in America that the Government of India "at various times considered her (Kasturba's) release, but she wished to remain with her husband and her wishes were respected," says: "The fact remains that she never had the benefit even of the psychological aspect of an offer of her release, except the last merciful one from the Maker." He declares that "release from prison during the last serious stages of her illness would have helped."

TEXT OF STATEMENT

ALLAHABAD Feb. 28.

"The numerous messages of fellowship and sympathy that have been addressed to me and to my father direct at his detention camp address call for something more than a public acknowledgment of gratitude. So many of them are elaborately worded and yet do not express all that their authors would wish to say. The outpourings of sorrow are of so heart-bending a character as to make sympathy mutual between them and those of us who are directly bereaved. It would, I think, be improper of me to keep to myself the treasured and sacred memory of my mother's last moments and not share them, in so far as they can be publicly shared, with the vast concourse of my fellow mourners. I am as yet too deeply moved and afflicted, momentarily I am sure, with a strange loss of faith in destiny. Except in so far as that is what it is to have suddenly become motherless, I shall hope to fight my way out of this mental condition.

STRUGGLE TO LIVE

She never completely lost consciousness till the last moment when the Government 'communique' on Sunday pronounced her condition to be grave, she was still hoping against hope to survive the latest phase of her illness. The kidneys had failed to function during the last few days due to the feeble action of the heart and this was complicated by apical pneumonia without fever. The blood pressure had come down to 75/52. The doctors had given up the struggle. When I reached on Monday evening she was in distress which only the devoted nursing of her fellow-detainees could superficially relieve. It was against medical expectation that she survived the night. That was the last night of her earthly existence every second of which she received the ministrations of all her companions and Gandhiji.

In a semi-conscious state she would answer questions in monosyllables or by gentle shaking her head. Once when Gandhiji came near her she raised her hand and attended to her for nearly an hour. seemed greatly comforted when he attended to her for neraly an hour. Beside her he looked several years younger although his hands shook.

The scene reminded me of the incident in South Africa nearly 32 years ago when mother had just emerged a complete physical wreck from a course of three months' imprisonment. A European acquaintance meeting both my parents at a railway station said: "Mr. Gandhi, is this your mother?'

THE LAST PRAYER

In the morning she looked worse, but peaceful. On Monday she had clung to a lingering hope. On Tuesday she seemed to be resigned. The mind was at peace and clearer in spite of the gathering effects of Uraemia. She had refused all medicine and even water since Monday. But she opened her mouth wide for a drop of Ganges water at midday on Tuesday. It comforted her for a while. Then at about 3 p. m. she sent for me and told me that she was going." I must go some day, why not to-day? She pleaded. I the last child she had given birth to, was evidently holding her. But with this remark and other tender and sweet words, in the presence of all the others, she tore herself away from me. Never did her articulation sound clearer, or her words appear choicer to me. Almost immediately after this she joined her hands together, sat up unaided and with her head bowed low she prayed for several minutes in the loudest tone she could manage.

'GOD, MY REFUGE, THY MERCY

I CRAVE' That is how I would translate into English the winged words which went up from her again and again.

PENICILLIN ARRIVES BUT..

When I left the room to dry my tears 'Penicillin' had just arrived in the verandah of the Aga Khan's Palace. The Doctors had little desire to try it. Pneumonia was only a contributory factor. The final failure of the kidneys would not have been relieved by Penicillin and besides it was too late. Yet, this wonder-drug for pneumonia was being mechanically got ready. At about five o'clock I gathered courage to face mother again. Now she smiled. It was the smile which has spoiled me these 4v years. But it was also a dying mother's last pensive smile to cheer her son.

My mother was intensely human. On her behalf I crave the forgiveness of all those who have come into close contact with her for the extra share of affection she reserved for me. God surely will condone the frailties of one who otherwise lent grace to his creation. This smile, however revived my interest in 'Penicillin' and I thought it my duty to pursue the matter with the doctors. They were willing to try it, but offered little hope of success. When Gandhiji came to know that I had approved the idea of giving painful injections to mother he sacrificed his evening walk in the garden to reason with me.

'You can't cure your mother, no; no matter what wonder-drugs you may muster. I will yield to you if you insist. But you are hopelessly wrong. She has refused all medicines and water these two days. She is in God's hands now. You may interfere if you wish to, but I advise against the course you are adopting. And remember you are seeking to cause physical pain by an injection every four or six hours to a dying mother."

It was not for me to argue. The Doctors felt most relieved.

LAST REPOSE

Just when this sweetest of all wrangles I have ever had with my father was over, word came that mother had called out for him. He immediately took over from those who were giving her restful support. He leaned her against his shoulder and tried to give her what comfort he could As I stood in front watching along with ten others, I saw that the shadow on mother's face had deepened; but she spoke and moved her arms about for fuller comfort.

Then in the twinkling of an eye the collapse came. Tears rolled down from several eyes, while Gandhiji forced back his. The entire group stood in a semi-circle and chanted the favourite prayer which they had been used to say so long in her company. Within two minutes she was still.

As one of the inmates remarked to me, she waited for us to finish our meals. The last meal of the day in the detention camp is taken at about 6 p.m. She died at 7-35 p.m.

I am on my way to Allahabad, as I write these lines, with her remains which will be consigned to the Ganges on Monday. These consist of a literal handful of tiny motherly bones. They were collected on Friday by the inmates of the camp with due ritual from the ashes of the pyre. They were then laid out on a banana leaf and after being decorated with flowers and vermillion and incense and after a consecration ceremony they were prepared for the last journey. I am thus travelling in the company of my mother, but after to-morrow I know I shall never travel with her again. It was Gandhiji's clear decision that this ceremony of immersion in the confluence of the two great rivers be performed.

What crores of Hindus do as a sacrament is what will please your mother he said to me.

The decision was reinforced by a telegram from the revered Pandit Malaviyaji expressing a wish that this should be done. The bulk of the ashes were, according to custom, consigned in the River Indrayani near Poona. I am not sure of the scientific propriety of this latter course and would have welcomed any other form of disposal. But in the absence of a considered alternative, customs prevailed. For me and the little company which visited the river side before sun-rise on Friday morning it was a solemn and uplifting ceremony.

A small quantity of ashes collected on the second day after the cremation has been preserved in the detention camp and these include the five glass bangles which formed part of the funeral pyre and were subsequently found intact and unbroken.

ILL FOR 18 MONTHS

The illness dated from September 1942, in the detention camp. It was then for the first time that heart symptoms were noticed. She had never had heart attacks before, although she had been in indifferent health for the past four or five years. But after the initial setback in September 1942, she never regained normal health. It is no exaggeration to say that both physically and mentally she was not equal to the strain of incarceration. She had been through terms of imprisonment before, notably one which included solitary confinement in a village in the interior of Rajkot when she came to the verge of disaster, but this last one was throughout for her the most trying of ordeals in which both the spirit and the body withered. The palatial surroundings and atmosphere were the antithesis of what she was used to. The barbed wire fencings and the sentries completed the picture.

I do no injury to the memory of my dear mother when I tell the public that she aimed to get back to what she herself described to me last year as the low-roofed cottages of Sevagram.

The fact of indefinite detention weighed still more heavily upon her and not all the creature comforts of the realm could give her peace of mind and spirit. The thought of thousands of others, some of them intimately known to her, suffering similar restraint made her misery more acute and *one of her silent prayers to which she had dedicated herself during the past year and a half, was that she and Bapu may be kept permanently in detention if only the others could be freed.*

Would her release from prison during the last serious stages of her illness have helped? It would have helped, if she had been also offered the option of returning to the detention camp when she desired to do so. That would have constituted a complete formula of "kindness." But the fact remains that she never had the benefit even of the psychological aspect of an offer of release, except the last merciful one from the Maker.

SHOCKED AND AMAZED

I was, therefore, shocked and amazed to find that the Agent of the Government of India in America has made a statement to the effect that the Government of India had wished on several occasions to release her, but that she had refused to avail herself of the offer. This is even contrary to the official announcements made on the point in India and I have seen no explanation so far for the different version put out in America.

On behalf of my three brothers, other relations and myself I express our deep sense of obligation to all those who have either taken the trouble to send us messages or have borne the sorrow with us in silence. We have no other brothers or sisters save the millions of kindred spirits who share our bereavement in equal measure. I apologise most humbly to any who may hold the view that by this lengthy public statement I have been guilty of occupying too much time of newspaper-space. The occasion is one for tolerance. I cannot help feeling that if I should fail to send out this detailed open letter of grateful acknowledgment I would merit the just reproach of millions of fellow mourners.

HOW MAHATMA TOOK IT

I ought to add a word as to how Gandhiji has stood this ordeal. He was looking obviously jagged. He grieves over this tragic gap which has come into his life, for she in large measures is responsible for what he is to-day. But he maintains a philosophic calm and keeps his emotions under the control expected of him. The atmosphere around him was one of sadness without gloom and when my brothers and I parted company with the camp on Friday, he cracked his customary jokes as a substitute for tears. His health, I believe, is good."
—A. P.

BOMBAY THREATENED WITH WATER SCARCITY

Municipal Commissioner's Statement: Supplies To Military: Girgaum Road To Be Renamed After Mahadeo Desai

"With the growing population in Bombay which is now about two millions against a million a decade ago, the situation of water supply to the city would be very serious if immediate steps are not taken by the Municipal Corporation."

This warning was given by Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner during the debate on the resolution of Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia, at the Municipal Corporation on Monday. Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia moved the following resolution which he had tabled in November last but which for want of time was not debated:—

That in view of the complaints received from the public from time to time about the inadequacy of water supply the Corporation are of opinion that schemes for the augmentation of water supply to the City should be formulated and carried out as early as possible.

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Works Committee with a request to expedite their report on the question on receipt by them of the Report of the Committee of Experts appointed to consider the different schemes in the matter referred to them for their opinion."

Mr. M. E. Joshi seconded the resolution.

Dr. J. A. Collaco in supporting the resolution pointed out that a large quantity of water was supplied to the military for which the municipality received only a nominal water rate. In using municipal roads after all the wear and tear, the municipality received only a nominal tax from the military authorities. Now they should ask for full charges for the supply of water. He also drew the attention of the Municipal Commissioner to the large quantity of water wasted in washing roads and suggested to use well water for this purpose.

The Municipal Commissioner said water supply to the City was the most important problem facing the Municipal Executive. From 1929 this question was before the Municipal Corporation but nothing tangible was done in the matter. If immediate steps were not taken to augment water supply to the city, the situation would be very serious.

The Municipal lakes had only sufficient water to supply for the next ten months and if the monsoon does not break in time or is prolonged, the situation would be precarious. At present 115 million gallons of water were drawn from Municipal lakes every day against the 100 million gallons normally. At least 30 million gallons of water was required to be augmented for the present.

This matter was before the Works Committee and he had submitted his own report on this subject on that day (Monday) and he hoped the Committee would hurry up with the matter and send its own report before the Corporation soon. He did not think, drawing of water from the wells was a feasible or economical plan for watering the roads and he had tried that experiment and found it very costly on account of want of petrol, etc.

Mr. A. P. Sabavala further supported the resolution which was carried.

MAHADEO DESAI ROAD

The House then approved of the following resolution moved by Mr. R. K. Achrekar:

That the Commissioner be requested to consider and report on the desirability of re-naming Girgaum Road as Mahadeo Desai Road with a view to commemorate the selfless services rendered by the late Mr. Desai to the country.

The Corporation then adjourned till Thursday.

"Pskov Must Be Held"

BERLIN, Feb. 28

To-day's German 'communique' said "on both sides of Krivoi Rog, the Soviets attacked with strong infantry and tank forces all day yesterday."

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow cables: Hitler has ordered the Germans in Pskov—now immediately threatened by the double Soviet advance—to hold out to the last man, in addition to this order, read to the troops, Hitler has sent a special command to Von Kluechler insisting that Pskov must be held.

Finland's Fate To Be Decided To-day

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28: Vital decisions affecting the future of Finland are expected to be taken within the next 24 hours.

When the Finnish Parliament meets to-morrow, members will be fully informed by the Government of the progress of the armistice negotiations and will be asked to take a decision, according to a Stockholm newspaper.—Reuter.

AIR COMBAT OVER BEACHHEAD

LONDON, Feb. 28

Reuter's Special Correspondent at advanced Allied Headquarters cables: The two German strongpoints on the Anzio Front seized by the British yesterday, were two houses situated among the ravines of the Upper Moletta river, where skirmishes have been in progress for several days.

Indian Eighth Army troops dispersed German units north of Arielli with mortar fire.

In the only air combat over the beachhead yesterday, 'Spitfires' drove off 20 'Fockewulfs' and 'Messerschmitts' shooting down one 'Fockewulf'. The battle which began over the beachhead ended over Rome.

KASTURBA'S REMAINS IMMERSED IN GANGES

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 28.

The remains of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi were immersed here at the confulence of the Ganges and the Jumna this morning. On the way the car carrying the bier was stopped at the residence of Pt. Malaviya who put a wreath on the remains. At the "Bandh" a procession was formed which followed the bier to the Sangam.

Mr. Devdas Gandhi after taking his bath at the confluence immersed the remains and then recited some "slokas" from the Gita. Brahmachari Prabhudatta conducted the 'Asthi Nikshep" (immersion of the bones) ceremony.

ARRESTED FOR SPEAKING AT CONDOLENCE MEETING

SURAT: A message from Bardoli says that Mr. Kapilram Vyas who addressed a condolence meeting on the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, was arrested at the close of the meeting.

U. S. ARMY TAKES OVER SECTION OF B. A. RAILWAY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28

With effect from March 1 1944, U. S. Army Railway Units will take over the operation of the metre guage section from Katihar through to Ledo and Dibrugarh, excluding branches, except Golakganj-Dhubri and Mariani-neamati Branch, says an announcement by the Bengal and Assam Railway.—A. P.

ONLY SOLUTION OF INDIAN PROBLEM

Two Administrative Divisions, Says C. R.

MADRAS, Feb. 28

Speaking at the Victoria Hostel Day Celebration, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari referred to the question of Indian Unity and said that the unity that mattered was natural unity, not geographical or administrative unity. India could have as many as twenty states if they were really united, united in culture, trade, commerce and everything else. That unity, the speaker was confident, existed in India and could not be removed by administrative divisions.

Proceeding, Mr. Rajagopalachari said that he had gone all over India and had seen that what he had been saying had not been lost on the country and that his views would ultimately prevail. He reiterated that there was no solution for the Indian problem but to agree to divide India into two administrative units so that they could have permanent unity, peace and progress in the country.—A. P.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New Yor, Feb. 28.

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CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 28.

The market opened quiet but steady after the week-end but as the day progressed a better feeling was witnessed on good buying. The total turnover was fair and Government securities were unchanged.—A. P.

Congress Wins By-Election

PESHAWAR, Feb. 28

Sardar Saran Singh (Congress) was declared elected to the Frontier Legislative Assembly winning by a majority of 81 votes over his opponent Sardar Balwant Singh in the Peshawar Sikh constituency by-election.

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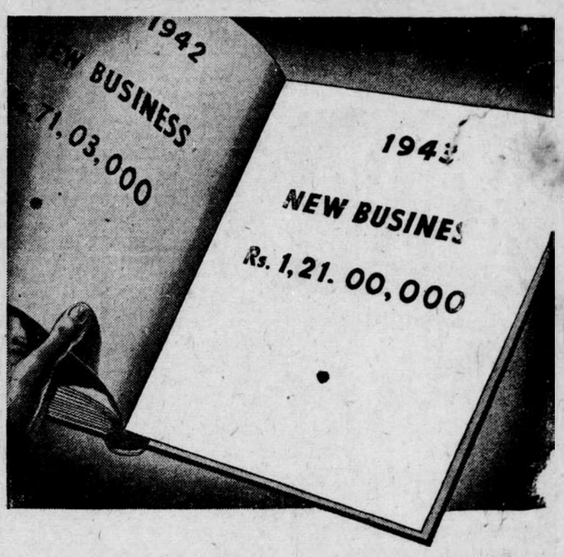

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Words are wisemen's counters—they do but reckon by them; but they are the money of fools.

—Hobbes.

The Bombay Chronicle

NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

The proceedings of the Natal Indian Congress, which met at Durban a few days ago, show that the resident Indians are both united and determined in resisting the odious Pegging Act, which not only involves racial discrimination against Indians but also stands in the way of their economic development. The session was the first meeting of the resident Indians united in one common body and that very fact should help them most in spite of the odds against them. Mr. Calpin, the former editor of the "Natal Witness", bore testimony to this fact when he said of the conference in an interview: "It was a demonstration of unity such as is seldom seen in Natal. With that unity is a will equally determined to see that Right triumphs." The importance of the conference was duly recognised by the Mayor of Durban, who opened it. He felt constrained to remark: "There have been signs that the disputes we have been trying to settle in South Africa are likely to have international repercussions, and unless we are careful, things that have happened may upset the hitherto friendly relations between South Africa, India and other nations.' It is the wanton vindictive attitude towards Indians that threatens to disturb friendly relations and give rise to international repercussions. If the offensive is withdrawn the danger is bound to pass off but not otherwise.

It seems possible that attempts are being made to bring about an honourable settlement, at least of a tentative character. The appointment of a third Commission to be presided over by Justice Broome may be but one such. Mr. Calpin, referring to the prospect of the Indian question cropping up at the next Peace Conference remarks: "It is well-known that the Prime Minister is anxious to go to that Conference with the satisfaction of having set in motion processes by which the Pegging Act will be repealed and some remedy of the Indian situation in prospect." The Prime Minister has not yet publicly indicated those processes. But he seems to set much store by the new Broome Commission. In his message to the Durban Conference he said: "The Broome Commission in which I trust the Indian community will participate, will explore important issues which will be referred to it and possibly pave the way towards a satisfactory settlement of these issues." On the Congress side, Mr. A. I. Kajee, Chairman of the Reception Committee, though he condemned the Pegging Act as "the most mischief-making legislation ever put on the Statute book of South Africa", added at the same time: "I sincerely believe that this problem can be overcome and compromise on both the sides can achieve much. Let us not close the door to negotiation." It is reported that after much discussion the conference ratified the policy of co-operation carried out in the past concerning alleged Indian peneration and rejected an amendment seeking to abandon negotiation. With regard in particular to the Broome Commission the conference decided that the Natal Indian Congress would co-operate with the Judicial Commission if the political status of Indians was included in the terms of reference. The decision not to abandon negotiations is a wise one, though their success will largely depend upon the findings of the Commission.

While commending negotiations whenever they hold out any prospect of a settlement, none in India need regret the Reciprocity Bill which Dr. Khare himself regards as necessary as a measure in reserve. It is even possible that the Bill itself set in motion forces leading to the present attempts at negotiations. Dr. Khare may well throw more light on the basis of the negotiations which are being only vaguely talked about. Care must be taken to see that "the spirit of mutual accommodation" which Field Marshal Smuts has so earnestly commended to Indians, does not turn out to be one-sided.

Unkindest Cut

In the statement that he has issued from Allahabad Mr. Devdas Gandhi shares the treasured and sacred memory of his mother's last moments with his fellow-mourners all the world over. For nearly eighteen months since the heart attack first appeared in September 1942, Mrs. Gandhi had been virtually hovering between life and death; but she struggled to live. She was, however, never given the choice to be free to undergo the treatment she would have liked. Now Mr. Devdas Gandhi has confirmed this. Yet Sir Grija Shankar Bajpai, Agent to the Government of India at Washington, tells the American public that "at various times the Government considered her release from detention for health reasons, but she wished to remain with her husband and her wishes were respected." Her wishes were respected, indeed! Mr. Devdas Gandhi thus answers the question whether release from prison during the last serious stages of her illness would have helped: "It would have helped, if she had been also offered the option of returning to the detention camp when she desired to do so. That would have constituted a complete formula of 'kindness.' *But the fact remains that she never had the benefit even of the psychological aspect of an offer of release, except the last merciful one from the Maker.* (Our italics.) It is amazing that Sir Grija Shankar did not resist the temptation of indulging in what Mr. Thakkar calls a "white lie" at a time when the sad news of the passing away of Kasturba while in detention had created great stir in America and was being broadcast from coast to coast. Sir Grija Shanker's misstatement can only be described as the unkindest cut of all in this tragic episode.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Moderate Terms To Finland

If the Stockholm report about the peace terms offered to Finland by Russia has any basis of truth, it shows remarkable restraint and statesmanship on the part of the latter. The Soviets do not desire to impose any particular Government upon the Finns and they are agreeable to the 1940 frontiers. The only onerous term seems to be that requiring the Finnish army to isolate the Germans now in Northern Norway—if it can. It was generally believed that, in view of its unprovoked aggression, Finland would be confronted with Draconian conditions and it should, therefore, be really grateful for getting off so lightly. Of course, considerable pressure is still being exerted by the Nazis to compel the Finns to continue by their side. It is being pointed out by Berlin that the latter would be practically throwing away the fruits of their heroic sacrifices by signing a separate peace. The plight of the Wehrmacht on the Russian front, however, provides a stronger argument to the hardpressed Finns and what little reluctance they are still evincing may well pass away with a few more bombing raids of the type suffered by Helsinki on Saturday.

Critical Position At Anzio

The third German onslaught on the Anzio beachhead, which has been expected for the last few days, has not developed so far. The weather, which is hampering the Allies, seems to be partly responsible for the German difficulties as well. It can be confidently expected, however, that Von Mackensen will not lose his initiative and that he will launch another fierce attack on the beachhead as soon as his regrouping is complete. In spite of the heroic Allied resistance, therefore, considerable anxiety exists about the fighting in the Anzio area, whose perimeter has been already contracted. The only definite way in which the tables can be turned upon Kesselring and the road to Rome stormed open is by the main Fifth Army group effecting a break-through and joining hands with the beachhead army. This means, however, a full-scale Allied offensive in the teeth of the bitterest German resistance a sample of which is provided at Cassino. It seems, therefore, that the critical position at Anzio will continue for some days more.

ALLIES FOIL JAP PLAN TO INVADE INDIA

Fourteenth Army Defeats Encirclement Tactics: Fifth And Seventh Divisions Earn Laurels

NEW DELHI, February 28.

An attempt of the Japanese to encircle and destroy the Fifth and Seventh Allied Divisions and then move up to Chittagong has been most decisively defeated, it was announced at a S.E.A.C. Press Conference.

The Jap forces were instead themselves largely destroyed, and at a conservative estimate, putting their dead to over 1,500 of the original task force of approximately 6,000. No official figure is available of the Allied losses, but casualties were relatively light.

The most remarkable feat during the whole operation was the evacuation of the wounded by air. They were evacuated by vulnerable light transport aircraft and tiny single engined trainers; and from one strip over 400 wounded soldiers were evacuated.—United Press.

MAJOR DEFEAT INFLICTED

Indian and British forces of the 14th Army have inflicted a major defeat on the Japanese in the Arakan.

A big Japanese force of about 8,000 which sought to cut the 14th Army's communications and destroy them by an enveloping movement has itself been largely destroyed and about 1,500 dead Japanese have been collected and buried.

Lt.-Gen. A. F. P. Christison, Commander of the Forces of the 14th Army has paid tribute to his men.

Two reasons for our victory were given by a S.E.A.C. spokesman. First was the tenacity, high morale and training of our troops, who throughout fought magnificently; second was our complete air superiority.

This was the end—happy end—of only one operation in a continuing series of operations, he cautioned. Logistically, he pointed out, the Japanese were still in a position of advantage. They still held interior lines of good communications and we were still struggling forward across very difficult hills. It was possible that the Japanese might try the left and right hook tactics again.

The Japanese would, in his view, find it difficult to mount another offensive against us or compel us to withdraw during this monsoon as during the last.

With such a resounding victory the next step for us would be to go forward."

Jap Plan Foiled

The Japanese plan was to seize with a large force the Ngakyedauk Pass, the only road connecting our troops east and west of the main Mayu range thus cutting our force in half, depriving the 7th Indian Division of all supplies and attacking it in the rear. Another smaller Japanese force was to cut the main north and south road and thus isolate our fifth Indian division. At the same time a general assault was to be made on our front east of the Mayu range. The object of the operation was to complete destruction of both Divisions, to be followed by a sweeping advance into India.

The opening stages of the Japanese plan was carried out with their accustomed ruthlessness and boldness. Some 7,000 Japanese succeeded in moving through the thick jungle round our flank and infiltrating through our necessarily detached forward positions. They did seize the vital Ngakyedauk Pass and they did cut the main Bawli-Maungdaw Road. They delivered the fiercest and most reckless assaults in both the rear and front of the Seventh Indian Division.

Our men British, Indian and Gurkha, under the leadership of Gen. Christison, commanding in the Arakan, everywhere stood firm.

Not a position was yielded.

Then the men of the Fourteenth Army passed to the offensive. The Fifth Division, although harassed on its own front and with an enemy force astride its line of communication came to the help of its more hardpressed comrades in the Seventh Division. The Japanese in their turn became the defenders, the encircled.

Gradually they were driven back, hemmed in, split up, hunted and killed.

The Allied Air Force enabled the vital supply aircraft, under the command of Brig. Gen. Old, U. S. Army Air Corps, to maintain our isolated troops day after day.

Individual units who covered themselves with glory in the battle were the Lincolnshire Regiment, The King's Own Scottish Borderers and West Yorkshiremen.

Punjabis and Gurkhas, meeting the first onslaught with the K.O.S.B.s did valiantly.

The 25th Dragoons manning the tanks celebrated their arrival at the right place at the right time by being concerned in almost every successful "party."

Japs Lose 500 Killed In Ngakyedauk Pass

During February 27 there has been a marked decrease in activity on the Arakan main front, says to-day's South-East Asia Command 'communique.'

During the clearing of the Ngakyedauk Pass, the Japanese have lost some 500 killed.

During the night of February 25/26 our troops successfully repulsed an enemy attack on a hill feature north of the Maungdaw-Buthidaung road.

In the Kaladan valley West African troops continue to advance south of Kyauktaw. There are signs however, of increasing enemy resistance in this area.

In the Chin Hills the positions in the main Japanese defensive system captured by our troops during the February 25/26 were counter-attacked in strength by the enemy on February 27 and after severe local fighting some of our troops were forced to make a slight withdrawal.

In the Atwin Yomas our patrols have been active. Our artillery put down a concentration on an enemy position. As a result the enemy evacuated this position without showing fight and abandoned some of his equipment and ammunition.

In the Hukawng Valley, Chinese forces gained contact with the enemy at Nhkang Kayang Ga, 12 miles north-east of Taihpa Ga. They surrounded a Japanese unit near Ritu and made a further advance east across the Tawang river, north of Taring Ga. Other Chinese troops continued their advance toward Mingwan on Numgawn river.

South-west of Sumprabum in the Fort Hertz area our patrols ambushed a Japanese unit.

INTER-PROVINCIAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Gwalior proved the better tacticians when they beat Central India by 4—1 last evening in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament. The losers' greatest blunder was that their forwards played too close to each other, a bare two yards invariably separating the three inner forwards each from the other in every move they initiated, with the result that Gwalior's defenders had little to do to smother them. The winners, on the other hand, spread out their players and the game to a nicety and this difference was really the difference in the result.

For a full 20 minutes, first one side and then the other enjoyed territorial advantage, until Gwalior took the lead through Kunzru who, from an unmarked position, converted a pass from the right with a lightning shot. Five minutes later came Central India's equaliser, Zahir indulging, in a splendid solo run on the left wing to push the ball past the Gwalior custodian. Gwalior however, re-established its lead a few minutes later through Rasool.

In the second half, although Central India continued to have as much of the game as their opponents, Gwalior were able, by virtue of their superior strategy, to register another 2 goals through Roopsingh and Prasad to run out ultimate winners by 4—1.

To-day's Game—6 p. m. First Semi Final: Bombay v/s Sind.

Wrestling Tournament In Aid Of Red Cross

Bombay will shortly have an opportunity of seeing India's greatest wrestlers, including the great Rustam-i-Zaman ("World Champion") Gama himself, Imam Bux, Hamida, and Gunga, in action at the Brabourne Stadium when an All-India Wrestling Tournament will be staged on March 10, 11 and 12 in aid of the Red Cross Week Fund.

A large and influential Committee, with the Collector of Bombay, Mr. N. A. Farruqui as its President and Mr. Mahomed Tahir as its Vice-President, was formed some time ago to organise the tournament. Other office bearers are Mr. M. S. Jayakar, Provincial Organiser of the National War Front (Treasurer) and Major Bamji, Mr. Sheikh and Professor Sarkari (Joint Secretaries). The members include Mr. A. A. Jasdanwala, Khan Bahadur Hussein Fazalbhoy.

Gama is coming down with his entire company; Imam Bux will be accompanied by his son Bholu and both he and Hamida will bring others of their bands.

Other famous pahilwans who have accepted invitations to take part in the tournament are, Arjun Singh a star pupil of the famous old champion, the late Keeker Singh; Lal, pupil of Hassan Bux Ghausa, pupil of Karim Bux Pelerewala, Majha Bulagiwala, Kartar Singh and Arjun Singh.

Goldstein and other well-known European wrestlers will also participate, fighting under European rules while the Indians will fight under Indian rules.

Season tickets are priced at Rs. 25 each. There are 750 of these all ringside. Day tickets range from ten rupees a head for ringside seats to five, three and one-eight in the stands of a specially erected enclosure.

His Excellency the Governor is being asked to give the tournament his patronage and also to attend it if possible.

Tickets will shortly be available at the Cricket Club of India.

NOTHING INCONSISTENT IN SOPHIA COLLEGE DECISION

VICE-CHANCELLOR ELUCIDATES SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University has issued the following statement on the Sophia College incident:—

"I have been directed by the Syndicate to issue this statement to clear certain misconceptions which appear to have been raised in the minds of the public regarding the two resolutions on the Sophia College for Women passed by the Senate at their special meeting held on the 12th February 1944 as a result of certain correspondence which has appeared in the press, particularly a letter dated the 14th February addressed by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad to the Editor of "The Times of India", and published in the issue of that paper on the 17th February.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad referring to these resolutions, observed: "In this matter the Senate has been badly served by the Syndicate, who, by the manner in which they placed their recommendations before the Senate, pushed the latter into an inconsistent position." This criticism of the Syndicate is neither fair nor justified by the facts.

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

A note on page 7 of the revised agenda clearly stated that the Syndicate had resolved at their meeting held on the 15th January, 1944, not to move the resolution on the application for continuation of affiliation in the event of the motion for disaffiliation being passed. The resolution had to be placed on the agenda, because the Syndicate could not anticipate the decision of the Senate. At the same time they were bound to express their opinion on each of the two items, (i) an application made under Section 42 of the Bombay University Act by a member of the Syndicate, and (ii) an application made by the College authorities under Section 39 of the said Act.

Consistent with the decision of the Syndicate not to move the resolution regarding the continuation of affiliation if the motion for disaffiliation was carried, Diwan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri declined to move the motion for continuation of affiliation when the motion for disaffiliation had been carried. But, under the Statutes governing procedure at meetings of the Senate any member of the Senate has a right to move a motion which is on the agenda. The motion for continuation of affiliation was accordingly moved by Principal V. K. Joag, a member of the Senate.

The Syndicate's position was thus consistent.

NO INCONSISTENCY

There was also no inconsistency in the position of the Senate in passing these two resolutions for the following reasons:

(1) The Senate are not empowered by the Act either to disaffiliate or to affiliate Colleges. They are bound to "record their opinion" according to the provisions of Sections 39 and 42 which are distinct and differ in their scope, and forward it to Government, who have the final power in these matters.

(2) The words "without prejudice to their resolution approving of the report of the Syndicate Committee recommending the disaffiliation of the College" in the resolution regarding the continuation of affiliation make it quite clear that the Senate were not taking up an inconsistent position. While under Section 42 they were satisfied that a case for disaffiliation had been made out for the reasons mentioned in the resolution for disaffiliation, still under Section 39 they recorded their opinion in favour of continuation of affiliation in view of the report of the Local Inquiry Committee and the opinion of the Academic Council and the Syndicate, and also because the resolution under Section 42 could only be in the nature of a recommendation.

INCORRECT CHARGE

Thus, the alleged inconsistency is neither real nor apparent, and it is not correct to charge either the Syndicate or the Senate with inconsistency in passing these two resolutions.

The Syndicate regret that Sir Vithal Chandavarkar and Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, two ex-Vice-Chancellors, should have thought fit to criticise the University authorities in the columns of a newspaper. It would have been more becoming and proper for them to have stated what they wanted to on the floor of the Senate so that a suitable reply might have been given. It is most undesirable that controversy regarding University matters should be carried on in the Press by those who have a right to be heard by the Senate—the only proper forum to which Fellows of the University should address their criticisms of the Syndicate or other University authorities."

THAKKAR CALLS IT "WHITE LIE"

BOMBAY, Monday.

Twenty-five women's organisations of Bombay and the suburbs joined in paying homage to the late Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi, at a meeting at Madhav Baug this afternoon. Songs from the "Ashram Bhajanavali" were sung by members of the audience in front of Kasturba's portrait, heavily garlanded and installed on a pedestal. Clay lamps and incense shed a glow on the portrait.

In a resolution passed on the occasion Bombay's women placed on record their deep sense of sorrow for the loss sustained by Gandhiji and the country whom she had served with the greatest love and devotion till the end of her life.

GREAT SATI

Paying his tribute, Mr. Amritlal V. Thakkar who presided at the meeting said that Kasturba's name had been immortalised because of her great devotion to Gandhiji and her selfless work for the motherland. As one of the great "Satis" of India, she would illumine the path of world's womanhood.

"UNCHIVALROUS"

Mr. Thakkar referred in critical terms to the failure of the Government to respond to the demand of the people for Kasturba's release. This attitude, he said, was most unchivalrous.

Mr. Thakkar wished, in this connection, to emphatically refute the statement reported to have been made by Sir Girijashanker Bajpai, Agent-General for India in America that Kasturba wished to remain with her husband and that Government had only respected her wishes, though they had considered her release at various times.

"A WHITE LIE"

"May I ask" said Mr. Thakkar, "if any formal offer for release was ever made by Government to Kasturba at any stage during her long illness, which was declined by her? I may tell you that no such offer was ever made." He characterised Sir Girijashanker's statement as a "white lie" for American consumption.

Welcoming the Bombay Mayor's suggestion for a suitable memorial for Kasturba in Bombay Mr. Thakkar put forward the plea that as a first step, there should be a "broad-based country-wide plan for an all-India memorial in furtherance of Indian women's education and welfare or some such suitable scheme" in which everyone in the country could participate and contribute. The local memorials, he said, were bound to be erected at various places associated with Kasturba's life.

Mrs. Jaishri Raiji, Miss Raihana Tyebji, Mrs. Sushilabai Jayakar and Mrs. Gangaben Patel referred to the ideal of service set by Kasturba. It was the duty of India's women to keep alive the memory of Kasturba not only by erecting memorials but by following her example in the matter of service for the motherland.

3 Course Meals

The recent order of the Rationing Authorities strictly defining the courses to be served in a dinner has brought on a windfall to the catering establishments in the city.

The public, prepared to forego the luxury of a 36 course dinner without the slightest resentment, has to pay the same lavish prices for the 3 course dinner envisaged by the Rationing Authorities.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

The Home Member added that "Independence Day" celebrations had been prevented only on the grounds that the pledge contained seditious language or that they were calculated to assist the operations of an unlawful association. Mr. Maitra asked how Government obtained the official version of the pledge; did they obtain it from the Congress?—The Home Member: Government have their own ways of getting information. (Laughter).

—Assembly Proceedings.

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The Punjab "Radical Democratic Party" has passed a resolution welcoming the social and economic programme outlined by the Viceroy in his address to the Legislature.

Thus conclusively proving how very radical and democratic they are!

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Mr. M. H. Gazdar, the Sind Home Minister and Minister of Information, in a statement says that he had been hearing of some irresponsible statement associating the name of His Excellency the Governor with some alleged move to have the Sind Ministry upset.

"I am in a position to state", says Mr. Gazdar, "that these mischievous rumours have no foundation whatever."

Mischievous, indeed are these rumours. How can the Governor ever get such excellent yes-men?

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Sir Maurice Hallet, the U.P. Governor, wants planes for policemen.

But then how will they swing their lathis from up so high?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The Finance Member is going to impose Excess Profits Tax on the journalists as many of them have been evading the Income Tax so far by having very little incomes.*

(2) *All Parties Conference which has been postponed will now be held in a jail when all the other major parties agree to send their representatives to confer with the imprisoned Congressmen.*

(3) *Jungle roots will henceforth form an item of Government House menu in Calcutta.*

(4) *The Independence Pledge being seditious, Mr. Amery is unable to give any more pledges about the independence of India.*

(5) *Mr. Churchill's son has joined the Communist Party and gone to rouse the Comrades in Yugoslavia.*

Remove The Blast-Walls

It is a matter of regret that some of the blast walls still intact in their places. I wonder why the authorities concerned do not advise the landlords to remove such walls from their buildings with a view to give comfort to the tenants!

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Sunrise: 8 a.m. Sunset: 7-43 p.m.
Hightide: 3-25, 16-14. Lowtide: 9-45, 22-00.

To-day's Engagements

ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The annual conference of the All-India Women's Conference, Bombay Branch, Central Committee, today (Tuesday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Dadar Bhagini Samaj Hall. Mrs. Hansa Mehta, M.L.C., will preside.

TECHNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY: Under the auspices of the above Association, Dr. B. K. Nandi, of the Teddington Laboratories will deliver a lecture on "Prospects of Industry in relation to medicine in India' today (Tuesday) at 5-15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Department of Chemical Technology, Matunga Road, Matunga.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: A public meeting at the Arya Samaj Hall, DeLisle Road, at 7 p.m., to-day (Tuesday). Pandit Laxmanshastri Oghale, Mr. Jehangir Shroff, Mr. Yadav and others will speak on "The Economic Advantages to the Labourers from the present War." Principal N. M. Kale will preside.

INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE: In connection with the celebration of the birthday of Shrimati Rukmini Devi there will be a gathering at the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, at 6-30 p.m., to-day (Tuesday) when Madam Menaka will give a talk on "Indian Classical Dance" with demonstration by a group of artistes and pupils.

DR. HANISH'S ANNIVERSARY: To-day (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Mazdaznan Hall, opposite Churchgate Station. Ceremonial Memorial Service Lectures by Dasturji Bode and others.

THANA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION: At a meeting of this Association held on Sunday, Mr. A. C. Hendricks, the President, at the outset referred to the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi. A resolution expressing sympathy was then unanimously passed.

The Association in a resolution deplored the recommendation of the Bombay University to disaffiliate the Sophia College and urged Government, before giving a decision, to institute a fresh and impartial enquiry.

As regards Sports, it was decided to start Volley Ball, Hockey and Badminton in addition to the usual Indoor Games.

PUBLIC MEETING POSTPONED

The President of the Indian Christian Association, Bombay writes:—

The public meeting of Indian Christians under the auspices of the Bombay Indian Christian Association which was to have been held (yesterday) Monday, to protest against the action of the University Senate against Sophia College could not be held as the requisite Police permit was not received in time. The date of the postponed meeting will be notified in the papers.

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Amateur Dramatic Circle

The Amateur Dramatic Circle which was founded a few years ago started in its career with their first full length play "Tilly of Bloomsbury". There are "Nothing But The Truth," "Donovan Affair" and "Bats In The Belfry," amongst straight plays and "You Asked For It" a non-stop revue.

The second revue "Come And Get It," which was staged at the Excelsior, on the 27th instant, will be repeated on Sunday, 5th March at the same place.

Mr. Adi Marzban has been the producer of all the plays from "Tilly of Bloomsbury". His last successful production was "Fresh Fields" for the Bombay players.

The Gujarati play "Repentant Father", which proved an entertaining show was also from the pen of Adi Marzban. Mr. Jehangir Bhownagary is the co-producer of this show.

Mrs. Parviz Bennet and Mrs. Najoo Wadia are the costume selectors.

Ghalib Day

A meeting of the Ghalib Day Reception Committee will be held today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. in the Anjuman Islam High School Hall.

Murder Accused Remanded

BOMBAY, Monday.

Ismail Hussain alleged to have attempted to murder his step-sister, was ordered to be remanded into police custody by Mr. Nasrullah at the Mazagon Court to-day.

SIR DUDLY BORRON MYERS PASSES AWAY

BOMBAY, Monday.

The death at Cannes on January 15 of Sir Dudley Borron Myers is announced to-day.

He was aged 82. He spent many years in business in Calcutta He played a great part in the formation throughout India of the European association of which he was the first president.

In the early thirties on his return to England He served at the Conservative Party's Central Office as Honorary adviser on Indian affairs.—Reuter.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Dr. Pao, the Chinese Consul-General, is in Bombay. It is his first visit and he has regarded it as 'a dream realised." Dr. Pao is accompanied by the Deputy Consul, Mr. William Kwong. Prior to his appointment to India in 1942, Dr. Pao was the Chinese Consul-General in Australia. The Consul-General had been a Professor in the Chinese National University more than a decade ago, besides having held many other important administrative and diplomatic posts in China and abroad. Dr. Pao graduated from the National University of Peking, China, and Columbia University, U.S.A. in International Law and Political Science. He has a very charming personality and a wide circle of friends of all nationalities. Asked about the purpose of his tour, the Consul-General said: "I feel I must call upon my compatriots throughout India who have been continuously contributing their war efforts towards their Motherland and the United Nations since Japan disclosed her mask to attempt to dominate the world, and China heralded her gallant resistance against this unprecedented aggression of the world in 1937. I also feel that I must pay my respect to the officials and leaders of various places everywhere in India who have been rendering every co-operation and help to my nationals residing in these districts, thus making it possible to enhance the traditional cordial relations between our two great countries and peoples. It is my hope that my tour, in a humble way, would be another contribution to strengthen this bond of friendship."

Dr. Pao will stay in Bombay for three or four days and will then proceed to the South including Madras, Bangalore and Mysore. It would be interesting if he could be persuaded to speak in public before he leaves.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb. 28.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar was quietly steady with a limited business. There was a marked absence of any fresh business and all were awaiting. Budget proposals which will be released on Tuesday afternoon. In the meantime brookers were discussing various forecasts. It is true that the Defence expenditure is mounting up and a portion of it must be provided by increase in taxation and the balance by fresh borrowing. The direct effect of increase in taxation will have adverse effect on the general purchasing capacity and to that extent the profits of industries are bound to be reduced with a consequent result of smaller dividends and lower Share values. Tata Steel Shares were steady to-day on short covering. DIcs opened at Rs. 2,082 and improved to Rs. 2,102 while Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 408 and hardened to Rs. 412. Bombay Dyeings opene at Rs. 2,080, and ruled quiet at Rs 2,077. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 707 and were quoted at Rs. 705 while Century Mill Shares were placed at Rs. 1,072.

Towards the close there was increased covering which resulted in further improvement in Steel Shares and Textiles also ruled steady.

BULLION: On Saturday London markets were closed and New York quotations were unchanged. The local market opened steady with Forward Silver quoted at Rs. 124-8 and advanced to Rs. 21-12 on scattered buying. At this level there was increased selling and prices declined to Rs. 124-4. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of Rs. 2-8. Gold Ready and Forward stood at Rs 71. The present disparity between Gold and Silver quotations has drawn attention and various suggestions are made to lower the price of Silver.

Later on there was increased selling and Silver prices declined further closing quotations. Ready Silver Rs. 126-8, Forward Rs. 123-8, Ready Gold Rs. 71-0-3, Forward Rs. 70-15-6, Sovereigns Rs. 49-2

COTTON: The local Cotton Market opened to-day at Rs. 468 for March delivery and prices declined to Rs. 466 under increased selling influenced by lower up-country quotations. The resumption of cotton booking was followed a active buying with a consequent improvement in quotations but the rise was not sustained and demand remains only limited. The market position is not encouraging and with increased movement and into-sight figurs, lower levels ar enot unlikely Later March declined to Rs. 463 on persistent selling.

The Cotton Market met with persistent selling and prices collapsed. There was considerable unloading and March was quoted at Rs. 458-8. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C March Rs 459, I C C May Rs 455, I C C July Rs 454-12.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York 256 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Central India 293, Berar 564, Central Provinces 62, Dholera 103, Broach 703, Sindh-Punjab 419, Egyptian 1,391, total 3,535.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

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NEW YORK COTTON REVIEW

Nearby deliveries touched the highest level for 15 years on persistent short covering, spot house buying and continued trade price-fixing against textile contracts. Distants lagged early reflecting fabourable preliminary reports of new crop preparations, but wide inter-months' differences and Mr. Churchill's view of no guaranteed that the European War would end in 1944 attracted investment buying. Southern fertiliser sales and shipments were the heaviest seasonally with, producers pressing for supplies in anticipation of transportation difficulties. Despite the advance in spots farmers in the Memphis territory are not inclined to sell equities in any volume at the present 5 dollars per bale bonus with the majority holding for 10 dollars. Cotton goods quiet. The trade is engrossed with the War Production Board revisions including a tightening of the regulation governing exports. In view of the recent sustained advance, traders are cautious.

AHMEDABAD SHARE BAZAR

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 28.

There was squaring up of operations in the local market with fluctuation. Ambika howewver were firm on bear covering and speculative buying on rumours that there will be Rs. 30 dividend. Market closed steady. Ambika 579, Calico 1,576, Sarasapur 653, Marsden 253, Monogram 210, Jupiter 395.

Wheel Of Gas Co. Truck Breaks Loose & Kills Girl

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the body of Shantabai (5) daughter of Shripati, who was struck by the flying wheel of a truck belonging to the Bombay Gas Company yesterday, and who died on way to hospital.

It appears that a truck of the Bombay Gas Company was going along DeLisle Road yesterday its axle broke and sent the wheel flying.

In its career the wheel struck the girl and killed her and struck another man was laid flat on the ground. Nothing serious happened to him except for a temporary stunning effect.

STALIN PORTRAIT RAFFLE: The Secretary of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India writes:—

"The proposed Raffle of Stalin's portrait, Beethoven's records, under the auspices of the Bombay Committee in aid of the Party Fighting Fund has been cancelled. Those who have bought the tickets are requested to return them within a week to the Remember Russia Cafe. Their money will be refunded."

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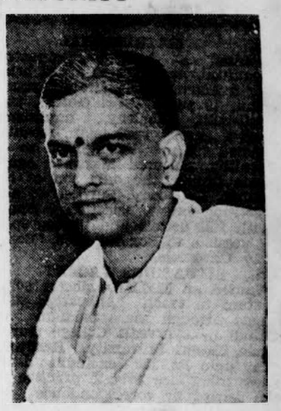

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Only and all persons holding policies issued by the Company, which are in force for not less than six months as at the date of meeting and holding certificates of admission shall be eligible to attend and vote at the meeting. Applications for certificates should reach the Company not less than two months before the date of meeting.

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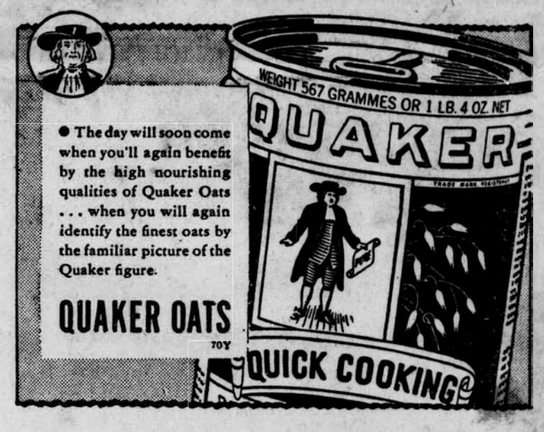

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